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SUBJ: TRADE ACT OF 1974, SECTION 612 - POSSIBILITY  
OF U.S.-CANADA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 009378

1. DURING QUESTION PERIOD IN HOUSE OF COMMONS ON  
FEB 6, OPPOSITION MEMBER REFERRED TO PRESIDENTIAL  
AUTHORITY IN TRADE ACT OF 1974 TO NEGOTIATE FREE  
TRADE AGREEMENT WITH CANADA AND ASKED "AS THERE IS  
GREAT PRESSURE FROM WITHIN THE AMERICAN CONGRESS  
FOR SUCH A PACT, CAN THE MINISTER SAY IF THE GOVERNMENT  
HAS RECEIVED ANY INDICATION FROM THE UNITED STATES  
GOVERNMENT THAT IT INTENDS TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS  
LEADING TO SUCH A PACT IN THE NEAR FUTURE?"

2. RESPONDING FOR GOC, MINISTER OF INUDSTRY, TRADE  
AND COMMERCE GILLESPIE SAID "IT IS TRUE THAT THE ACT  
PROVIDES THAT POWER FOR THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION  
BUT THE PRIORITY OF BOTH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
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AND THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT IS TO SEEK TRADE

LIBERALIZATION THROUGH MULTILATERAL TRADE  
NEGOTIATIONS." PORTER

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